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TAGS: SOPN, UR, XH
SUBJECT: SOVIET RESPECTS TO POPE PAUL

REF: STATE 205941

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, EMBOFF CONTACTED
LEONID V. SHCHERBAKOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL
FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS' INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE.
SHCHERBAKOV SAID THAT SEVEN RELIGIOUS REPRESENTATIVES
RESIDENT IN SOVIET UNION ATTENDED PAPAL FUNERAL.
THESE INCLUDE TWO CATHOLIC BISHOPS FROM LITHUANIA,
ONE CATHOLIC BISHOP FROM LATVIA, THEOLOGIAN FROM
CATHOLIC SEMINARY IN RIGA, AND HEAD OF MOSCOW
CATHOLIC CHURCH. RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WAS
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REPRESENTED BY METROPOLITAN NIKODIM, PATRIARCH-
EXARCH OF WESTERN EUROPE (RESIDENT IN LENINGRAD)
AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF ORTHODOX
CHURCH HIERARCHY.

2. CONDOLENCE MESSAGES WERE SENT TO VATICAN
FROM CATHOLIC, RUSSIAN ORTHODOX, ARMENIAN AND

GEORGIAN CHURCHES. PRAVDA AUGUST 9 CARRIED TASS
SUMMARY OF GENERAL-SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S MESSAGE
EXPRESSING DEEP SYMPATHY ALONG WITH ASSERTION THAT
POPE'S STATEMENTS "IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE,
DETENTE AND THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE" WOULD
REMAIN "IN THE MEMORY OF PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL."

3. SHCHERBAKOV WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER SOVIET
GOVERNMENT WAS REPRESENTED AT FUNERAL. WE BELIEVE
HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN AND PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TOLD
US HAD THIS BEEN CASE. TOON

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